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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL DISCRIMINATION BASED ON JEWISH
FAITH

1. RECENT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL
EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS, SUBMITTED BY U.S. FIRMS
WHICH HAVE RECEIVED BOYCOTT REQUESTS, HAS PRODUCED
SINGLE REPORT INVOLVING REQUEST WHICH APPARENTLY BASED
ON INTENDED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FIRMS WHOSE OWNERS
WERE OF JEWISH FAITH. REQUEST DATED IN APRIL 1969 MADE
TO U.S. FIRM (NOT IDENTIFIABLE BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIALITY
OF REPORTS UNDER EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969) BY
GHAZAROS BEYLERIAN AND CO., 122 AVENUE ALLENBY AND 236-240
RUE DE FRANCE, BEIRUT USING FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "ARE
THERE ANY PERSON(SIC) OF JEWISH FAITH AMONG THE OWNERS OF
(NAME OF U.S. FIRM) IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHETHER
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THESE ARE AMERICAN JEWISH (SIC) OR HOLDING A DIFFERENT

PASSPORT."

2. GIVEN THAT REQUEST IS NEARLY SEVEN YEARS OLD AND HAVING FULL APPRECIATION OF CURRENT SITUATION IN BEIRUT, DEPARTMENT REQUIRES NO EMBASSY ACTION AT THIS TIME ON THIS SPECIFIC REPORT. OUR UNDERSTANDING, SUPPORTED BY ABSENCE OF ANY CURRENT REPORTS OF REQUESTS FROM LEBANON TO DISCRIMINATE ON BASIS OF RELIGION, IS THAT GOL DOES NOT SANCTION SUCH DISCRIMINATION AND LEBANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY DOES NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGE IN SUCH DISCRIMINATION. BRIEF REPORT BY EMBASSY OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE CORRECTING OR CONFIRMING OUR UNDERSTANDING WILL BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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